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OFFICERS WITH DRAWN REVOLVERS HOLD ANGRY MOB AT BAY AT WAIPAHU

Strikers Attack Returning Japanese and Try to Rescue Their Ringleader From the Police ---High Sheriff to the Rescue---Aiea Japs March to Town.

With thirty-four regular police and deputies on guard, each armed with carbine and revolver, Waipahu has suddenly assumed very much the aspect of a military camp. Only prompt and determined action by High Sheriff Henry and the Honolulu police prevented a violent outbreak by the Japanese strikers at the Oahu plantation last night about seven o'clock.

As it was, Police Officer Wills and E. M. Scoville, head pump engineer of Oahu plantation, were shut in a small house on Waipahu village street for more than two hours guarding a prisoner they had arrested, and threatened by a surging mob of strikers that would have broken into the building and seized the officers had it not been for the timely arrival of High Sheriff Henry, with a posse of police, in an automobile.

White with fear lest his dupes should go too far and make trouble for which he would have to bear the blame, Makino, who arrived on the scene from Aiea shortly after eight o'clock, after the two men had been hemmed in the building for some time, implored the Japanese to desist and, with some of the local ringleaders to whom he communicated his fears, they endeavored to push their way between the crowd of strikers and the building.

Their attempts would have been unsuccessful and the mob, incensed by what they thought to be Makino's cowardice, would have succeeded in breaking their way in, in spite of the threatening revolvers of the besieged, had it not been for the lucky arrival of Henry and his posse.

With Police Officer Haumea, Wills had gone to Waipahu on the 3:30 afternoon train to protect a number of returning strikers. These were joined by others at the plantation and were safely ensconced in their camps, one of which Haumea was left to guard.

With Mr. Scoville, Wills then walked up the main street of Waipahu, where there was a large crowd of strikers gathered. As they approached the neighborhood of the Waipahu saloon they saw that there was trouble. A striker who wished to return to work had heard about those who had come back from Honolulu, had fetched his blankets and clothing and was making his way to the camp, where he expected protection.

Understanding his intentions, a crowd of strikers set on him and, after tearing his blankets to pieces, proceeded to beat him up. The principal offender was immediately seized by Wills, who dragged him back and placed him under arrest.

CALL FOR A RESCUE.

Then some of the ringleaders called on the crowd for a rescue, and the strikers began to close in on them. So threatening were the gestures made by the crowd, many of whom picked up stones, that the two men fired their revolvers in the air with the intention of signaling for help and scaring the mob.

Although their appeal for assistance was not answered, the mob broke back at the sight and sound of firearms, and Wills and Scoville were able to back their way into a room, which proved to be the headquarters of the strikers, taking their prisoner with them.

Once inside, they closed the door, barred it, and shouted that they would shoot the first man who attempted to force an entrance. For some minutes the mob surged threateningly in front of the building, but gradually dropped back, not one of them liking to be the first man to risk a bullet in his hide.

Then a sudden diversion was caused by the prisoner who, unsecured save for handcuffs, had made a dash for the back window of the room and was half way out before Wills could drag him back. This drew the attention of the mob to the back of the house and a number rushed round there so that the two imprisoned men were threatened from both sides at once.

SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS.

It began to look very serious. The howling of the mob had subsided to a low but determined murmur, and it was evident that they had made up their minds to something desperate. Scoville guarded the rear while Wills stayed by the front, each man with revolver ready in case of attack.

It was at this crisis that Makino arrived in an automobile and called on the strikers to desist. He succeeded in drawing the larger number away and, during this lull, Manager Bull of the plantation forced his way through to the house and was admitted.

The meeting at which Makino and his lieutenants presided was a strenuous affair. For perhaps the first time Makino knew what it was to be howled at, and, argue as he might for his own safety, the crowd showed signs of leaving him and renewing the attack on the building.

TELEPHONE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Before reaching the room in which the two men were confined with their prisoner, Mr. Bull had telephoned to Honolulu for assistance. Sheriff Henry arrived in the nick of time to prevent further trouble, and the later arrival of Chief Detective Leal with twelve more men cowed the strikers into dispersing when they were ordered to do so.

As soon as quiet was restored and the prisoner safely stowed away, immediate steps were taken to patrol the district and prevent further trouble. With Sheriff Henry were four men, so that with Joe Leal's party there were seventeen officers from Honolulu. Added to this force were seventeen more local deputies, each properly armed, and they were at once told off into squads to patrol the localities where trouble might start.

ATTACK WITH CANE KNIVES.

Another outbreak, that might have been a very serious affair, was nipped in the bud by prompt action of the patrols. About a hundred of the strikers sneaked away and armed themselves with cane knives. Then they advanced on camp No. 10, which is occupied by Chinese and Korean laborers who have not been out on strike.

When the occupants of the camp saw the threatening mob approaching, they rushed into their houses with one accord and seized their own knives. Before trouble could start, indeed before the attacking party was within a hundred yards of the camp, a patrol approaching the camp saw what was the matter, hailed some of the others, and the attacking party immediately broke up and ran helter-skelter into the darkness.

ARREST THE LEADERS.

After that a rigid search was made for cane knives and a movement started to arrest each and every one of the ringleaders, including the hui of gamblers that has been making much of the trouble round the plantation.

Makino was to have been taken into custody, but he escaped before it was decided to take the step. He jumped into his automobile and was whirled back to town, and must have passed Leal and his party on their way out.

MARCH IN FROM AIEA.

Promptly on hearing of the trouble the Advertiser sent a reporter down the line with the police. Word soon came from him by telephone from Aiea, where a large number of strikers from Waimalu, on the Honolulu plantation, were massed. These men, since they struck, had been loafing around the plantation, but, after being harangued by Makino, had concluded to march into town. They were about to start as the reporter left. Captain Baker and a dozen special officers were on duty at Aiea.

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UYENO REPORTS THE STRIKE LEADERS AS BEING IRRESPONSIBLE

The following article appears in the Geibei Shimbun, a newspaper of Hiroshima, Japan, issue of May 23:

THE STRIKE QUESTION IN HAWAII.

According to the report made to the government by Consul-General Uyeno, stationed at Hawaii, though the Japanese laborers have struck upon the demand of higher wages, the trouble was brought about through the instigations of certain irresponsible parties who want to take the advantage of laboring men for their own selfish gain. The report says that the laborers are peaceful and there seems no danger of their resorting to violence, and the employers are also aware of the circumstances that led to the strike. The employers' sympathy is not, therefore, lost so far, and they are inclined to adjust the wage-scale to some extent. However, the employers insist upon the laborers severing their connections with the agitators.

Following is the report of the Japan Times:

Our Consul-General in Honolulu reports that the Japanese laborers in Hawaii are now on strike, demanding an increase of wages. The agitation has not been created on their own initiative, but they have been instigated by some others, who try to get unearned profits out of it. The strikers are maintaining order and the employers are to some extent in sympathy with the men. The employers are not, therefore, opposed to some increase of the wages, but they wish that the laborers would sever connection with the instigators in return for the acceptance of the demand.

BABBITT WANTS MUCH MONEY

But Supervisor Quinn Thinks He Won't Be Likely to Get It.

"Why don't we appropriate money to communicate with Mars? I think we had better ship this letter back to Mr. Babbitt suggesting that, or we might see our way clear to purchase the Moana Hotel for a free kindergarten. There is about as much sense in either proposition as is contained in any of the demands made on us in the letter just read. I think it is one of the most outrageous things I ever heard of."

Jim Quinn gave vent to the above at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors last evening after the letter of Superintendent of Public Instruction W. H. Babbitt had been read. In the communication, Mr. Babbitt asked for considerable financial aid for thirty-two public schools in the City and County of Honolulu, going into the minutest details regarding the needs in the way (Continued on Page Two.)

MAYOR WANTS BUZZ-BUGGY

Presented Formal Proposition to Supervisors Last Evening.

"And it came to pass that the Mayor wanted an automobile. He asked for it. Did he get it?"

A hush of solemnity fell over the no, not the courtroom—the Assembly Hall of the Board of Supervisors when Clerk Kalanokalani last night read a letter from Mayor Joseph J. Fern asking that the rock of Finance be smote, or smitten, until enough money for the purchase of a municipal automobile should gush forth.

The aforesaid hush did not last long. Supervisor Jim Quinn was the only man in the room who claimed to know anything about Red Devils, so he leaped to his feet and—moved that the letter be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. And re- (Continued on Page Four.)

Woman Strikebreaker in Pay Line

If you want to see fifteen hundred men of almost every nationality known in Honolulu, save Japanese, come in from the plantation at the close of day, dirty, hungry, and above all anxious to receive their pay envelopes containing \$1.50 each, go down to the Oahu Railroad depot any afternoon between 5:30 and 6 o'clock. It is one of the most unusual sights ever witnessed in Honolulu, and is due only to the fact that the Japanese laborers on Aiea, Waipahu and Ewa plantations struck for higher wages and that some are still striking.

Few people had any idea that a call for strikebreakers would bring a horde of two thousand men clamoring at the railroad gates at 4 o'clock in the morning each more than anxious to get a ticket which would give him a ride to the plantation and entitle him at the end of the day's work in the sugar cane fields and mill to a ride back home and \$1.50 cash. But they are there every morning—Hawaiians, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Koreans, Porto Ricans, negroes, Filipinos, Americans—well, it is difficult to enumerate the many nationalities.

at each stands the gentlemanly representatives of the planters with their sacks of envelopes—one man to take the tickets and the other to pay over (Continued on Page Four.)

RIVENBURGH, MAYOR FERN'S NEW SECRETARY

The successor to Charles L. Rhodes as secretary to Mayor Fern has been chosen and his name is Bertram G. Rivenburgh.

Mayor Fern decided to appoint Rivenburgh yesterday and put an end to the perplexing question that has been keeping a number of applicants busy ever since Mr. Rhodes decided to accept a position offered him by Dr. Hartland Law of San Francisco.

Rivenburgh is an experienced man and it is believed that he will make a satisfactory successor to Mr. Rhodes. Rivenburgh was formerly an assistant clerk to the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs and also served in a clerical capacity with the Peace Commission that effectuated the terms of settlement with the Spanish government at a session in Paris.

Rivenburgh has been in the Territory since the San Francisco earthquake, and was formerly employed at Waiwala plantation as a bookkeeper. It is believed that his services in connection with the Peace Commission will be of value to the new secretary when the Mayor has strained relations with the Board of Supervisors.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL EXECUTE MANY ADANA MURDERERS

Earthquake in Chile---Many Heat Prostrations in Tennessee---Big Sugar Suit Settled Privately ---Four Women Are Drowned.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 9.—The cabinet has approved the sentence of death of twelve Moslems and five Armenians, for complicity in the Adana massacres.

REFINING SUIT SETTLED

NEW YORK, June 9.—The \$30,000,000 suit of the Pennsylvania Refining Company against the American Refining Company has been settled out of court. The terms are not made public.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE

VALPARAISO, June 9.—An earthquake is reported from Copiapo, where the walls of houses were cracked. No lives were lost.

TWENTY PEOPLE SUNSTRUCK

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, June 8.—Twenty people were prostrated by the heat yesterday and two are dying. The victims were attending a Confederate reunion.

DROWNED FROM AN AUTO

KNIGHT'S LANDING, California, June 9.—Four women were drowned last night by the overturning of an automobile.

ISLAND FRUITS TO BE GROWN FOR PORTLAND

Portland Oregonian.—Fruits and vegetables are to be grown to order in Hawaii for the Portland market. There is a continuous 12-month growing season in the islands and all the planters need to know is the date that the produce is to be delivered, and they plant accordingly. Summer or winter makes no difference, the vegetables and fruit will grow as well at one time of the year as another.

F. E. Haley, of the Honolulu Pineapple Company, is now in this city, having completed arrangements for the regular marketing of Hawaiian produce here. Mr. Haley is engaged in building up the pineapple trade primarily, but he and his associates will also handle other lines, particularly bananas, sweet potatoes, alligator pears, mangoes and vegetables.

A large shipment of red sweet potatoes is now on the way and will be here in a few days. The company's pineapples are well known on this market.

What Mr. Haley's company proposes to do is to supply this market with produce that otherwise would be unobtainable. When the California sweet potato season ends he will begin shipping them here from Honolulu. Tomatoes, peppers and all kinds of summer vegetables will be sent here in the winter time. Green corn is now coming over from the islands.

The company has just established a plant at San Francisco where the Hawaiian produce is repacked for the other coast markets, and Mr. Haley hopes to put up such a plant here, as the Northwest markets will be supplied from Portland.

A direct steamer line between Portland and Honolulu would be of great benefit to the business and there is talk of such a line being put on before long. At present, Portland gets its island shipments in a roundabout way, but even with this handicap the business is growing.

HIDALGO RUBBER PLANTATION.

The report made by F. T. P. Waterhouse to D. P. R. Isenberg and George Wiley as to the condition of the Hidalgo rubber plantation, much stock of which is owned in this city, is favorable. The Advertiser makes this statement by authorization, but is unable to supply details. The Hidalgo plantation is the one Brainerd Smith has been exploiting.

AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT

NEW YORK, June 8.—Announcement was made today that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company intends to retire all of its preferred stock.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—The Hawaiian building with its complete exhibit was thrown open to the public today and was the center of interest of the great crowds that are flocking to the exposition. The display made by the Hawaiians was very highly commended.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8.—The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has contracted for the construction of three new steamers of nine thousand tons and to cost a million and a quarter. These steamers are to ply in the service between Hawaii and the States.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The engagement of young Claus Spreckels to Miss Adele Case, the Oregon singer who has made her mark in Europe, has been broken.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., June 8.—Turner, the officer of the Native Sons who embezzled \$6000 of lodge funds, was sentenced today to three years' imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The contracts for the construction of five new destroyers to be added to the naval equipment of the country were let today to five different firms.

SCHOOL TEACHERS TO LEAVE.

While no word has been received here by the agents as yet, the Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi was due to sail from Sydney for Suva, en route to Honolulu, yesterday. A cable is expected to this effect today. Notwithstanding the fact that probably but few will be able to secure accommodations to the Northwest on this boat from here, there are nearly 150 people booked for the voyage. The great majority of these are school teachers, who desire to spend a part of their vacation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The requests for reservations have come from all the various islands. It is quite probable that some one will get fooled in the matter of securing a stateroom on this boat, as the travel is expected to be pretty heavy from Australia about this time. This is the last trip of the Aorangi on the British Columbia, via Honolulu, run.

EXPOSITION AND HAWAII.

Los Angeles Times.—Allen Culver, agent of the Oceanic Steamship Company, announced yesterday that during the Seattle Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition the company will make a rate of \$150 from San Francisco to Honolulu, returning via Vancouver, with stopover privilege at Seattle. Tickets from Vancouver will be good either by rail or steamer.